

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018**

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Eric Meth, Jill Brewer, Jeffrey Blodgett

OTHERS PRESENT: Holly Burbank, Jenny Monahan, Peter Grote, Dawn Steele, Nick Mike, Bob Montagno, Kim Cowles, Tim Cowles, Sandra Blodgett.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brewer at 3:01pm.

To Sign/Approve:

The April 9, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

The Board reviewed the Frost Place bylaw changes. After a brief discussion, Chairman Brewer made a motion to accept The Frost Place bylaw changes. Selectman Blodgett seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

The April 19, 2018 Transaction List was reviewed and approved.

Town Administrator Update:

Holly Burbank let the Board know that the trash at Evergreen had been picked up, with the exception of a few items that were frozen to the ground that will be picked up later.

Holly also answered some questions regarding the process for selling the tax deeded properties.

Discussion:

Selectman Meth updated the Board on the Cable Consortium meeting he attended. Eric said Franconia is one of the seven towns that are members of the Cable Consortium, and there is a push to increase local content. Each member town has a representative attend the meetings.

Jill Brewer made a motion to allow Eric Meth to act on the Select Board's behalf at Cable Consortium (NCCTV) meetings. Jeff Blodgett seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

Correspondence:

None

Committee Reports

Conservation Commission: Jill Brewer said regarding the Riverwalk, there are signed letters from all the landowners and easements are currently being drafted.

CIP Meeting: None

Energy Commission: Eric Meth said the Energy Commission is meeting 04/17 and is currently evaluating the energy use at the Safety Services Building and the Water Department. They are also continuing to think about solar power in Franconia.

Planning Board: Eric said the Chairman of the Planning Board has called for a joint meeting with the PB and ZBA regarding some amendments.

Northern Pass: It was briefly discussed that the current status of Northern Pass is waiting for Eversource to file their expected request for a rehearing.

Public Comment:

Dawn Steele asked if the Water Department was a separate entity or if they reported to the Town. Holly advised that they are separate from the Town.

Bob Montagno asked how the tax deeded properties value will be determined before beginning the bidding phase. Holly advised that the Town will not have the properties appraised, but will set a minimum bid amount for each property. Any money received for a property that is above what is owed in taxes is returned to the former owner.

Nick Mike asked how much money is currently in the reserve fund. Holly Burbank said that upon the completion of the audit last week, the Auditors advised that the unassigned fund balance is approximately \$800,000.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37pm on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary